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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Examiner's Amendment.
 2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-3, 9 and 16-17; renumbered 1-5 by Examiner.
 3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Harris on 5/4/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A file for use in a radio-frequency identification (RFID) system, the file comprising:

a body including a pair of covers; and

a transponder assembly including:

an antenna embedded on one of the covers; and

a circuit coupled to the antenna and having an identifier code;

one of the covers including a channel for accommodating the antenna;

a pair of contacts one of which is connected to the antenna; and

wherein the circuit includes a pair of contacts for coupling with the pair of contacts of the file, the circuit being a separate circuit for coupling with the pair of contacts of the file by an end user.

3. (Currently Amended) A system for tracking objects at a site having a plurality of locations, the system comprising:

a plurality of antenna arrays each for generating an energizing field, each of the antenna arrays being disposed at or near one of the locations;

a plurality of files each including:

a body including a pair of covers; and

a transponder assembly including:

~~a substrate having a pair of sides;~~

~~an antenna disposed on one of the sides of the substrate;~~

an antenna embedded on one of the covers;

a circuit coupled to the antenna and having an identifier code; ~~and~~

one of the covers including a channel for accommodating the antenna;

a pair of contacts one of which is connected to the antenna; and

wherein the circuit includes a pair of contacts for coupling with the pair of contacts of the file, the circuit being a separate circuit for coupling with the pair of contacts of the file by an end user

~~an adhesive layer disposed on the other the side of the substrate;~~

~~the transponder assembly being attached to one of the covers by the adhesive;~~

~~the identifier code being unique for each of the files;~~

each of the transponder assemblies being activated by the energizing field and responsively transmitting a signal indicative of the identifier code;

a reader in communication with the antenna arrays for receiving the signal when one of transponder assemblies is activated by one of the antenna arrays; and

an administrator in communication with the reader for receiving information from the reader indicative of the location of the file associated with the transponder assembly transmitting the signal.

4-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The file of claim 2 wherein one of the covers includes a recess configured to receive the circuit.

10-15. (Cancelled)

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16. (Currently Amended) A file for use with a radio-frequency identification (RFID) transponder circuit with a pair of contacts, the file comprising:

- a body including a channel and a recess;
- an antenna received in the channel; and
- a pair of contacts one of which being connected to the antenna;

wherein the transponder circuit is ~~able to be coupled~~ coupleable with the pair of contacts of the file when the circuit is ~~received~~ placed in the recess by an end user.

17. (Previously Presented) The file of claim 16 wherein the pair of contacts of the file are disposed in the recess.

18-24. (Cancelled)


2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin C. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-2963.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mon -Thu 11:00Am-7:30Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Wu can be reached on (571) 272-2964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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